



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE - Butte County Sheriff Department Road Maintenance.

PROJECT LOCATION T24N R2E Portions of Sections 22, 26, 27, 28 and 34

COUNTY Butte

LEAD AGENCY California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) in cooperation with the Butte county Sheriff department plans to conduct a Hazard Fuels Reduction project along county roads in the community of Cohasset within Butte county California. The primary objective of the project is to clear vegetation associated with the right of way of county roads in the community of Cohasset. Vegetation will be cleared along the county road right of way of a 4 mile section of Cohasset road and a 3 mile section of Vilas road. The project treatment area will be the right of way the county roads which averages 15' in width from the pavements edge. The vegetation within the treatment area is composed primarily of California Bay, Manzanita, California Black Oak and Ponderosa Pine. The project will manually remove brush, shrubs and small trees (less than 6" in diameter) utilizing Butte county inmate crews. The intent of the project is to create a fuel break associated with county roads which will reduce the connectivity of fuels and lessen flame lengths in the event of a fire. Vegetation treated during the project will be chipped. No burning will occur in the project area.

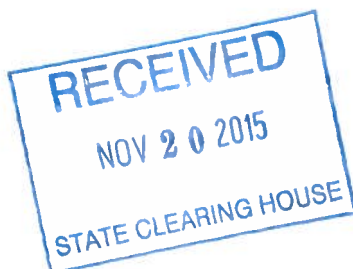
EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: 14CCR 15304 Class 4
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of 14 CCR 15304 Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land Categorical Exemption to CEQA. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The project consists of minor treatments to vegetation in the form of brush and ladder fuel removal. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems.

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